



Minutes of the Virtual¹ Meeting of the New Housing Development Committee held on Zoom on Thursday 10th September at 2.00 pm.

Present: Cllr Mace (Chair) and Cllrs Brentor and Randall
Bev Cornish, Parish Clerk.

Two members of the public were present.

11.20 To elect a Chair: Cllr Brentor proposed, Cllr Randall seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Mace be elected chair. He said he was prepared to chair the meeting but did not wish to be chair for the rest of the civic year.

12.20 Public Question Time: No questions or statements were received.

13.20 To receive apologies for absence: The Clerk advised that an apology had been received from Cllr Hall. Cllr Mace proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the apology be noted.

14.20 To consider and resolve to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th August 2020: Cllr Mace proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th August 2020 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

15.20 Declarations of Interest:

a. **To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers:**

No declarations of interest were received.

b. **To consider any Dispensation Requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered:**

The Clerk advised that no requests for a dispensation had been received.

16.20 To receive a short verbal update from Cllr Brentor on her contact with Wiltshire Council and any other actions taken regarding the conducting of a review of the Downton Neighbourhood Plan. To resolve to agree on any further actions to be taken: Cllr Brentor advised the following:

- She had spoken to a Neighbourhood Plan officer at Wiltshire Council who had advised the Council to update its Neighbourhood Plan which would need to go to referendum.

¹ In accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

- The process would take between 18 months to 2 years and a Spatial Planning officer for the southern area would be in contact to provide up to date information and data. The Council could apply for a grant for up to £10k and a further grant for up to £8k for technical help via neighbourhoodplanning.org.
- Neighbourhood plans which are over 2 years old are not considered of no value but are 'out of date' if the policy area does not have a five year housing land supply.
- Wiltshire Council's policy area now covers the whole of Wiltshire rather than previously being divided into areas. It currently has a housing land supply for 4.7 years but this is likely to improve once current negotiations on Section 106 agreements have been completed.

Following a discussion, Cllr Brentor proposed, Cllr Randall seconded and it was RESOLVED that:

- The terms of reference be written for a small Review Working Group which will conduct an initial review of the existing Neighbourhood Plan and agree which areas within it were in need of review.
- Once the initial review has taken place, a larger working group will be formed to work on those areas which were identified as in need of review.
- The Council will communicate the setting up of the working groups and the recruitment of their membership to residents via social media. Cllr Brentor advised that three residents had already expressed their interest in being involved.

17.20 To consider the responses received at the Parish Council's meeting with Persimmon Homes South Coast Ltd and to agree on any actions to be taken: Following a discussion, Cllr Mace proposed, Cllr Brentor seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should write a Press Release to inform residents of the meeting and its outcomes which should be approved by the Committee and circulated to the Council before it is released.

18.20 To reconsider the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government's consultation entitled 'Planning for the Future' and resolve to agree:

- i. the key points to be included in the Council's response;
- ii. how it will be compiled; and
- iii. the deadline by which it will be ready to be reviewed by the Committee prior to being recommended for consideration by the Parish Council:

Following a detailed discussion, Cllr Mace proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that councillors should share their views and responses to the survey with each other so that a response could be compiled from those contributions. This would be discussed at the next meeting in order to formulate a final recommended response for the Parish Council to consider on 12th October 2020.

19.20 Next meeting: Cllr Mace confirmed the date of the next meeting to be held on Zoom as Friday 2nd October 2020 at 2.00 pm.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 3.00 pm.